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1. THE ENGLISH DAILY BANGKOK POST APRIL 21 CARRIED A REPORT, SOURCED TO THE CBW BRIEFING TEAM IN AUSTRALIA, THAT CLAIMED EXISTENCE OF A FACTORY NEAR VIENTIANE WHICH PRODUCED CHEMICAL MUNITIONS.
2. THE REPORT READ IN PART: BEGIN TEXT: A TEAM OF AMERICAN CHEMICAL WARFARE EXPERTS HAD TOLD AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS THAT A SOVIET BUILT LABORATORY NEAR VIENTIANE IS PRODUCING WHAT WORKERS THERE CALL "THE POWDER THAT KILLS THE HMONGS." THE AMERICANS ... SAID THE SINGLE ROOM LABORATORY IS SUPPLIED BY SOVIET CIVILIANS WITH CONTAINERS OF RED, GREEN AND YELLOW CHEMICAL POWDERS AND MIXED INTO A LIQUID SLURRY BY LAOTIAN WOMEN WEARING
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MASKS, GLOVES AND SMOCKS. THE SUBSTANCE IS THEN PLACED IN SHELLS, LOADED ONTO SOVIET MARKED MILITARY TRUCKS AND TRANSPORTED TO MILITARY AIRFIELDS, THE U.S. TEAM SAID. THE SOURCE OF THE REPORT IS UNKNOWN." END TEXT.
3. THIS REPORT HAS GENERATED PRESS AND FOREIGN OFFICIAL INTEREST HERE. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION REGARDING SUCH A FACTORY AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT TEAM CAN SHED ON REPORT.
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